GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINES
LOK SABHA

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IMPORT OF ALUMINIUM
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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated production of aluminium annually at present in the country;

(b) the details of aluminium imported/exported during each of the last three years, till date;

(c) whether India`s aluminium import is likely to rise in the next three to four months due to closure of BALCO;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to check the rise in import of aluminium?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI JAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD PATIL)

(a) The production of Aluminium during the years 1998-99, 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 is as under:-

Year	Production
1998-99	541459
1999-2000	619741
2000-2001	642844(Prov.)

(b) Figures of Aluminium imported/exported during the years 1997-98, 1998-99 and 1999-2000 are as under:-

Year	Import of Aluminium (in thousand tonnes)	Export of Aluminium (in thousand tonnes)
1997-98	70	82
1998-99	95	75
1999-2000	80	120

NALCO, the main exporter of Aluminium has exported 118,869 Tonnes of Aluminium during the year 2000-2001.

(c), (d) and (e): The Import/Export of Aluminium metal has been kept under Open General Licence (OGL) as per the Government of India Export-Import Policy.No new steps are required in view of the loss of production in Bharat Aluminium Company Limited(BALCO).